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RMS Lusitania Anniversary



The Lusitania was the fastest ship on the Atlantic and took the Blue Riband Award for crossing to New York in 4 days, 19 hours and 52 minutes. She left New York on the 1st of May 1915 with 1959 passengers and crew on board. On the 7th of May a single torpedo fired from the German U-boat U-20 slammed into the starboard side of the Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland. The ship listed and sank in just 18 minutes. While 761 of those on board were rescued 1198 were not so fortunate. To mark the 100th anniversary, the Mayo Club, MREN, will be activating the special event callsign EI0MFA as part of their club's activity evening on the 6th of May and on various occasions throughout the month of May. The Lusitania Radio Club will be operating the special event callsign EI100MFA on the 6th and 7th of May from a site near the Old Head of Kinsale Lighthouse, Co Cork.

New UK 4m Allocation



Ofcom have agreed the use of 70.5 to 71.5MHz by radio amateurs for digital experimentation. Use will be permitted by a Special Research Permit. Access to this part of the spectrum will be authorised under a Notice of Variation, time limited to 12 months and available to Full licence holders only. Permission will be subject to a geographical restriction which precludes its use by Scottish radio amateurs due to a legacy usage by the Scottish Government. The use of this allocation is on a non-interference basis and should this be experienced, the allocation will be withdrawn with immediate effect.

Mull Dxpedition



Ten Members of the Camb Hams are returning to Grasspoint IO76EJ on the Island of Mull (IOTA EU-008) from the 15th to the 21st of May using the callsign GS0PYE/P. They will be QRV with multiple stations on HF from 3.5 to 28MHz, SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK. VHF activity will be on 50MHz using mainly JT6m or ISCAT, FSK441 on 70MHz and JT65b (for EME) on 144MHz but SSB and CW is also possible. VHF skeds may be arranged online via <http://tiny.cc/gS3pyesked>

Denmark's Liberation



This year marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation and the end of WWII for Denmark. The callsign OZ5MAY will be on the air in memory of those who risked their lives. OZ5MAY will be active on the 4th and 5th of May in the evening after 19:30 Danish time (17:30 UTC) and for several hours. It will be possible to work OZ5MAY on 40, 30 and perhaps 20 meters. Further details from <http://www.ddxg.dk/awards/underground.htm>

Electronic Logging Software



Log40m is a relatively new program which is downloadable free of charge. It fulfils all of the criteria of any currently available logging software. It is uncomplicated with CAT control achieved via both Hamlib and Omnirig. External programs such as Fldigi and DM780 may be configured to talk to Log40m and thus log all digital contacts made. ADIF log files are easily imported from other logging programs. More information from <http://www.log40m.com/>

Nepal Earthquake



Amateur Radio has stepped in to fill communications gaps in Nepal which is struggling with internet after the devastating earthquake which occurred on Saturday 25th of April. Amateur radio operators are working round the clock to help people get in touch with relatives, pass information, and alert about developing crises since the 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit about 80 kilometers from Nepal's capital city of Kathmandu. Operators in Nepal and India have been working in shifts to keep communications going between them and operators in other parts of the world. More information from www.aren.ie

IRTS Competition

The IRTS competition was won by Roger Greengrass G4NRG from Norfolk in England. The prize for this draw, was a copy off the latest Radcom Handbook donated by the Galway VHF Group.

IRTS AGM

Special thanks to SEARG for the work put into the organisation of the Dinner, Rally and AGM. By all accounts it was an overwhelming success.

EI News Items

We are seeking brief news items from clubs for inclusion in EI News. They only need to be a few sentences long with a URL for the Club website for the full story. The deadline for inclusion is the 25th day of each month.

Members Advertisements

For Sale

Kenwood TS480 SAT including fist mic and unused full installation kit.

€550

ICOM IC-7400 transceiver complete with ICOM desk mic, ICOM PSU, and ICOM matching speaker (missing grille)

€700

Will deliver or ship to any address

Phone 086 1000000

or

e-mail dave.ei6al@gmail.com

AOR AR8600MKII Scanning Receiver, extra Collins SSB and AM filters, S/N:07230

€700

ICOM 746, no box or manual, S/N:002843

€650

MFJ-452 CW keyer

€650

OT2m, APRS Tracker

€50

Open to realistic offers

John EI7IG

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Wanted

DSP-1 optional Unit for Yaesu VR 5000

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Contests

Contests – May 2014

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [UKEICC Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

02 1200z, 24 hours – [ARI DX](#), CW/SSB/RTTY: work everyone, especially Italy : send Serial
04 1900z, 90 mins – [RSGB 80m CC](#), SSB : exchange Serials, work UK only
09 1200z, 24 hours – [CQ-M DX](#), CW/SSB : work everyone, exchange Serials
16 1200z, 24 hours – [King of Spain](#), CW : work everyone, especially Spain : send Serial
17 1200z, 03 hours – [IRTS 40m Counties](#) : SSB & CW: work everyone, Serial & County Code
21 1900z, 90 mins – [RSGB 80m CC](#), CW: exchange Serials, work UK only
23 2100z, 05 hours – [Baltic Contest 80m](#), CW & SSB: work everyone, exchange Serials
27 2000z, 60 mins – [UKEICC 80m](#) : SSB: exchange Locators, e.g. IO63 : work everyone
Every Wednesday – [CWops Mini Contests](#): CW: three separate 60-minute contests

[SD by EI5DI](#) – logging software for CW/SSB contests from ei5di.com